


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Thiem et al.	<b>Customer No.:</b>	23405
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/598,205	<b>Confirmation No.:</b>	1139
<b>Filed:</b>	August 21, 2006	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	Unassigned
<b>Title:</b>	Protective Diode for Protecting Semiconductor Switching Circuits From Electrostatic Discharges	<b>Examiner:</b>	Unassigned

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Group Art Unit 3643, on December 20, 2007.*

  
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To: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**REQUEST TO CORRECT APPLICATION FILING DATE ENTITY STATUS**

Dear Sir:

On August 21, 2006, applicant filed the above-identified patent application, claiming small entity status, with the basic filing fee in the amount of \$150.00. A Response to the Notification to Missing Requirements, claiming small entity status for this application, including the official filing fee and missing part surcharge in the amount of \$495.00 was filed on April 2, 2007. The number of employees for the Assignee, Zentrum Mikroelektronick Dresden AG as of August 21, 2006, the date of filing for the above-referenced patent application, which is a U.S.

National Stage Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. DE2005/000268 filed February 16, 2005, was over 500, and therefore this application should have been correctly filed as a large entity.

However, since the filing of the application, the number of employees has changed, effective April 1, 2007, and the applicant is now entitled to small entity status. When this application was originally filed on August 21, 2006, it was the undersigned's understanding that this application was a small entity.

Applicants request under 37 CFR § 1.28(c) and pursuant MPEP § 509.03 to correct the entity status from small entity to large entity status for the initial filing of the application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935 for the remainder of the official filing fee and missing requirements surcharge. Applicant believes the amount due to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is as follows:

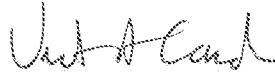
<b>Official Filing Fees</b>		<b>Amount Originally Paid</b>	<b>Fees Due</b>
Basic Filing Fee	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Search Fee	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Examination Fee	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Missing Parts Surcharge:	\$130.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Translation Surcharge	\$130.00	\$130.00	-
TOTALS:	\$1,160.00	\$645.00	\$515.00

The small entity filing fee was paid in good faith and it was later discovered that the small entity status was in error. Thus, the payment of the deficiency of \$515.00 is believed to excuse the previous error in entity status. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

The current entity status for this applicant, effective April 1, 2007, is small entity, and thus all future proceedings should be based on small entity status.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

*Respectfully submitted,*



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